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Labour representation in the Mangalore Port Trust Board.

* 141 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to nominate a labour representative on the Mangalore Port Trust Board; and

(*b*) if so, the principle followed by the Government in selecting that representative?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir, one has already been nominated.

" (*b*) The representative character of the Unions to represent the interests of the port workers was carefully considered by Government."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, as there is a registered union affiliated to the A.I.T.U.C. and as an overwhelming majority of the port workers are in that union, may I know why Government have not selected a representative from that union? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, there are three unions and the Collector has recommended one from the Port Workers' Union of Bandar and that has been agreed to by the Labour Commissioner. As such, he has been appointed."

Grant of takkavi loans in Ponneri taluk.

* 142 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications received during the year 1952 from Ponneri taluk for *takkavi* loans;

(*b*) the number of applications sanctioned; and

(*c*) the amount of loan disbursed during the year?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) 1,259.

" (*b*) 510.

" (*c*) Rs. 1,96,700."

Qualifications prescribed for the Social Educational Organizers under the National Extension Service.

* 143 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the minimum educational and other qualifications prescribed for the Social Educational Organizers under the National Extension Service in the Madras State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (i) *Educational.*—Must have a Bachelor's Degree of a recognized University with at least some practical experience in social work.

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" (ii) *Age*.—Must have completed 25 years and should not have completed 42 years.

Relaxation of the above academic and age qualifications will be made in the case of those who have had at least three years' experience of social work or rural service."

Supply of drinking water for Ottapalam, Malabar.

* 144 *Q*.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer to starred question No. 74 given on the 6th March 1954—

(*a*) the nature of the proposal for supply of drinking water for Ottapalam Major Panchayat, Malabar; and

(*b*) when the scheme is likely to come into operation?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) A well is proposed to be sunk near the junction of Bharathapuzha and Kizhakkathodu, south of the railway line and east of the railway well. Water will be pumped direct into the distribution system consisting of about 15 distribution points.

" (*b*) The question of sanctioning investigation of the scheme is under the consideration of the Government."

Increase of property tax in the City.

* 145 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have sanctioned an increase of house tax in the Madras City by the Corporation of Madras during 1954?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMI PADAYACHI :—" No, Sir."

Distribution of ammonium sulphate in Malabar.

* 146 *Q*.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether licences for selling chemical manures are granted to private parties in Malabar;

(*b*) if so, how many licences have been issued at present; and

(*c*) whether co-operative institutions are given preference and, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, so far as the distribution of ammonium sulphate is concerned.

" (*b*) Six.

" (*c*) Yes."